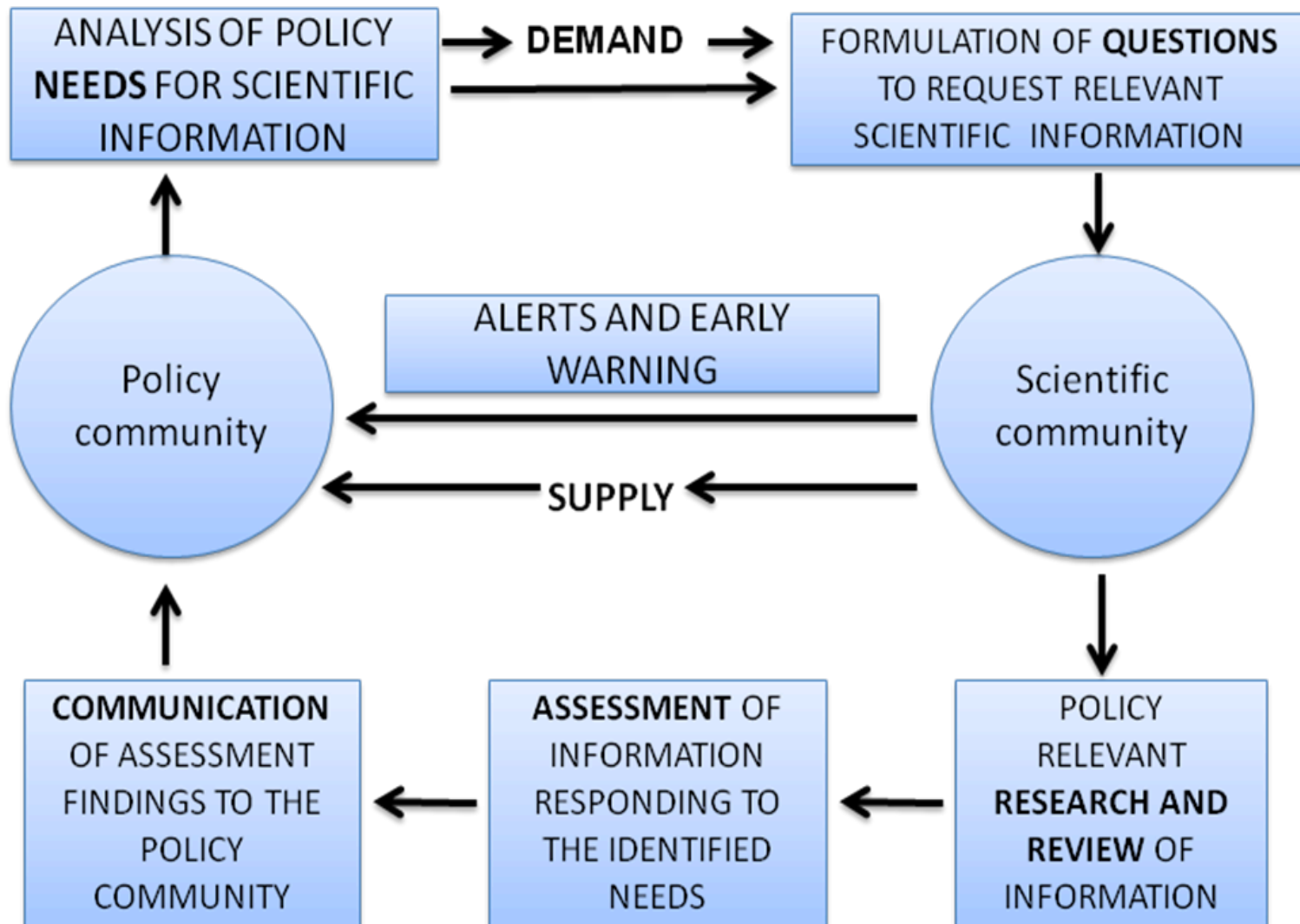


The cyclical two-way relationship in the policy-science interface



Science-Policy Interface Roles and Responsibilities¹

Science-policy interfaces are social processes which encompass relations between scientist and other actors in the policy process, and which allow for exchanges, co-evolution, and joint construction of knowledge with the aim of enriching decision-making at different scales. This includes 2 main requirements:

- 1) Science information is relevant to policy demands and is formulated in a way that is accessible to policy and decision makers; and
- 2) Policy and decision makers formulate their demands or questions in a way that are accessible for scientists to provide the relevant information and that they take into account available scientific information in their deliberations.

¹ Enhancing the Science-Policy interface on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services. IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature): Information Paper on IPBES-March 2010